Pilots working with the Indian Airlines, Vayudoot or Air India have been using Instrument Landing System (ILS) regularly upto Category-I level.

High Fare Charged by Air India from Gulf Bound Passengers

2368. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN:

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian labourers and other passengers from Trivandrum to Gulf countries are charged by Air India for a circuitious route *via* Bombay even though the flights go direct to Gulf countries without touching Bombay;

(b) what is the additional amount of fare charged from passengers on this account;

(c) what is the total amount of such surcharge charged from the passengers flying between Trivandrum and Gulf countries by Air India during the last three years; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to remove this huge difference in fare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Air India charges the same fare from a passenger who travels on its flight between Trivandrum and Gulf irrespective of whether the flight is routed *via* Bombay or goes direct to Gulf points.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Payment of Compensation for the Death of Indian Crew in Ship Collision

2369. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SMT. KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 7th February, 1989 to the effect that families of four Indian crew, who were believed to have died when the ship, King Hong II collided with a Norwegian ship in waters of Sri Lanka in May last, have not received any compensation so far from their employer;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for non-payment of compensation; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government for the payment of compensation to next of their kins; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Company M/s. Blue Chrome Ltd., New Delhi, who are the charters of the KING HONG II have informed that certain documents which are essential in order to get the claim settled are yet to be furnished by the legal heirs of the deceased Indian crew.

(c) As accident occured between two foreign owned vessels, outside Indian waters, Government or DG(S) have no